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**Cc:** Levine, Carolyn[Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov]  
**From:** Distefano, Nichole  
**Sent:** Fri 8/14/2015 11:12:49 PM  
**Subject:** Re: PRIORITY 1 Congressional Requests for the JIC. Responses Needed ASAP.

Wasn't Janie identified by Chris Ruhl to be out POC or did make that up?

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On Aug 14, 2015, at 7:08 PM, Russo, Rebecca <[Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov](mailto:Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov)> wrote:

That is fine, but that is the process just determined to be final by myself, Janie and HQ OCIR. Most of these requests involve people currently in the JIC and potentially currently working on them in the JIC. In addition, all responses need final JIC approval.

If Janie is not the correct person, I ask for assistance in determining who is.

I will back in the office tomorrow morning, but need to leave for evening tonight.

Thank you.

Rebecca

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**From:** Peterson, Cynthia  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 5:00 PM  
**To:** Russo, Rebecca; Smith, Paula; StClair, Christie; Mylott, Richard  
**Cc:** Acevedo, Janie  
**Subject:** RE: PRIORITY 1 Congressional Requests for the JIC. Responses Needed ASAP.

Rebecca,

I am going to suggest that you not send further congressional questions to Janie. I don't think she is the correct person to be fielding these types of questions.

Cynthia Peterson

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**From:** Russo, Rebecca

**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 4:54 PM

**To:** Peterson, Cynthia; Smith, Paula; StClair, Christie; Mylott, Richard

**Subject:** RE: PRIORITY 1 Congressional Requests for the JIC. Responses Needed ASAP.

I am of course coordinating with ORC.

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**From:** Peterson, Cynthia  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 4:33 PM  
**To:** Smith, Paula; StClair, Christie; Mylott, Richard  
**Cc:** Russo, Rebecca  
**Subject:** RE: PRIORITY 1 Congressional Requests for the JIC. Responses Needed ASAP.

Hi, All.

I just consulted with Melissa, and we don't think we should be responding to any congressional requests for information without ORC/OGC consultation.

Rebecca, could you work with Richard Sisk and ORC on a process to vet these questions?

Thanks!

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**From:** Smith, Paula  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 4:18 PM

**To:** StClair, Christie; Mylott, Richard; Peterson, Cynthia  
**Subject:** Fwd: PRIORITY 1 Congressional Requests for the JIC. Responses Needed ASAP.

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Russo, Rebecca" <[Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov](mailto:Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** August 14, 2015 at 4:14:03 PM MDT  
**To:** "Acevedo, Janie" <[Acevedo.Janie@epa.gov](mailto:Acevedo.Janie@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** EOC Liaison <[EOC\\_Liaison@epa.gov](mailto:EOC_Liaison@epa.gov)>, "Levine, Carolyn" <[Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov](mailto:Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov)>, "Smith, Paula" <[Smith.Paula@epa.gov](mailto:Smith.Paula@epa.gov)>, "Card, Joan" <[Card.Joan@epa.gov](mailto:Card.Joan@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** PRIORITY 1 Congressional Requests for the JIC. Responses Needed ASAP.

Hello Janie,

Can you help facilitate responses to these questions.

Thank you,

Rebecca

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Priority 1 Requests made Directly to JIC:

| #  | General<br>Subject(s)                                       | Requestor                      | POC            | Question                                                                                                                                                                         | Related<br>to<br>Reques<br># |
|----|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
|    |                                                             |                                |                |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                              |
| 20 | Map of the<br>affected area                                 | Jason Gray;<br>House staff     | J.<br>Blizzard | Map of affected area                                                                                                                                                             |                              |
| 17 | Photos / Videos                                             | Chairman Fred<br>Upton         | C.<br>Levine   | Request for videos and photos of the mine and<br>area: before, during and after                                                                                                  |                              |
| 12 | Timeline of<br>Event / What<br>exactly happened<br>and when | From House<br>E&C<br>Committee | C.<br>Levine   | Identify everyone that was present at the time<br>of the incident, what their role was, and who<br>was involved with making the decision to do<br>the work at the Gold King mine |                              |
| 5  | Timeline of<br>Notifications                                | From House<br>E&C<br>Committee | C.<br>Levine   | Timeline of the Incident - specifically who<br>was notified when (state and local and<br>downstream users). First 48 hours.                                                      |                              |